Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Morgan Louis Koch lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Stella Deloris Lentz, during a solemn ceremony on February 13, 1954, in Kansas City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Morgan and Stella Koch have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two children and their spouses, Denise Sheree and Michael Neumeyer and Myrna Leslie and Rea Myers; three grandchildren, Amanda and Kira Neumeyer and Travis Myers; and one great-grandchild, Jahsper Reed Herrell; and

**Whereas**, now retired, Morgan Koch has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a Korean War veteran and working at the General Motors Fischer Body Leeds Plant for six and one-half years, Skyline 66 Service in Blue Springs for twelve years, and Louie's Alignment in Blue Springs for seventeen years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Stella Koch further distinguished herself by serving as an Assistant Leader for Brownie Troop 299, the first Brownie Troop in Blue Springs, and working at Stella's Ceramics in Blue Springs for two years and at the Social Security Administration for one year; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Morgan and Stella Koch have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Koch of Blue Springs will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on April 18, 2004, at Timothy Lutheran Church:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Morgan and Stella Koch and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Louis Koch.

Offered by
Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1754, adopted April 15, 2004.